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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**RESPONSE A**

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action of December 11, 2001.  
Please consider the following arguments, and enter the following amendments.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-25, and add new claims 26 and 27, as follows:

1. (amended) A process for obtaining a HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor comprising one of the steps in the process of the purification of a crude HMG-CoA reductase

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